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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

SAC, Atlanta

December 13, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Belmont to Boardman, 12-13-56, FJB:CFW:gft, same caption.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (~~105-45763~~) DATE: 1-14-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO
ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a blank memorandum dated 1-14-57, captioned "Citizens Councils, Birmingham Field Division."

It should be noted that pursuant to Bulet to Atlanta dated 12-13-56, captioned "Citizens Councils; Internal Security - X", the Birmingham Office has closed many of its files on Citizens Councils. Where there is sufficient information, closing reports are being submitted which, of course, may be disseminated by the Bureau. In the majority of the cases, however, very little information had been received which had not previously been reported. For the above reasons, the enclosed memorandum contained a limited amount of information.

In accordance with above mentioned Bulet, the Birmingham Office will follow this matter and the next monthly summary of information will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 2-15-57.

Informant T-1 in attached memorandum is [redacted] and T-2 is [redacted] Confidential Source of the Birmingham Office. b6 b7C b7D

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300 American Life Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama
January 14, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

"The Birmingham News", a daily newspaper, Birmingham, Alabama, printed an article in its December 27, 1956 issue entitled, "Citizens Council Meets Saturday." This article stated that JOHN H. WHITLEY, Chairman of the Citizens Council of Alabama, called for a mass meeting of his council 7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 29, 1956, at the Tarrant, Alabama City Hall. The article stated that local speakers would be present. This same article indicated that there would be a special rally of the Eastern Section of the Alabama White Citizens Council at the Cascade Plunge on the night of January 3, 1957. ASA E. CARTER was listed as the Chairman of the Alabama White Citizens Council. According to this article, the Western Section of CARTER's council would meet at the Central Park Theatre in Birmingham on the night of January 11, 1957.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 19, 1956, that [redacted] a cartoon entitled, "I Aided Integration", which came from the office of ASA E. CARTER, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Citizens Council. According to Informant T-1, this cartoon belittled white people who attempted to aid integration in the South. T-1 said he has learned that ASA CARTER is organizing "Minute Men" who will be instructed to ride Birmingham City buses to watch for violations of Birmingham's segregation laws. T-1 said he has learned that ASA CARTER carries a loaded revolver on his person and has done so for the past several weeks.

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Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 7, 1957, that ASA CARTER, above mentioned, has about completed organizing a group of men to be known as "Minute Men". Informant T-2 said he has learned that CARTER has made the statement that his "Minute Men" intend to ride Birmingham buses and when a Negro sits in the front

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of the bus or in a seat reserved for white people, the Negro will be pulled off the bus, forcibly, and beaten. T-2 said he understands that [redacted] City Council, Birmingham, Alabama, has advised CARTER that he will arrest CARTER or any of his "Minute Men" if they interfere in any way with people riding Birmingham buses. b6 b7C

Informant T-2 said he has received no information in the past three or four weeks indicating any unusual or special activity of Citizens Councils in Northern Alabama. He stated about all he has heard is that some of the councils are holding routine meetings and that he does not believe any of the Citizens Councils have taken any direct or specific action concerning the racial question in Northern Alabama.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 4) DATE: 2-12-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION
IS - X

Remylet 1-14-57, captioned "Klan Infiltration into Alabama Citizens Council; IS - X" and Bulet to Atlanta dated 12-13-56, re "Citizens Councils; IS - X."

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a blank memorandum dated 2-12-57, captioned "Citizens Councils, Birmingham Field Division."

Birmingham T-1 in the attached memorandum is [redacted] Birmingham T-2 is [redacted] and Birmingham T-3 is [redacted] Alabama. Birmingham T-4 is [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Four extra copies of the attached memorandum are being submitted for the following Bureau files:

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF CALERA, ALABAMA
Bufile 105-45430

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST ALABAMA
Bufile 105-46001

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF TARRANT, ALABAMA
Bufile 105-43031

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ENSLEY, ALABAMA
Bufile 105-45528.

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In accordance with the above referenced Bulet, the Birmingham Office will continue to follow this matter and the next monthly summary of information will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 3-15-57.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
300 American Life Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama
February 12, 1957

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 31, 1956, that the U. S. KLANS OF ALABAMA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, held a meeting in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on December 30, 1956; that about 125 members were present. [redacted] of this klavern, advised that [redacted] the Tuscaloosa News, a daily newspaper, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, would make a speech at the Tuscaloosa County Court House on January 4, 1957. [redacted] urged all members present at this meeting to be present at the meeting of the WEST ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL at the Tuscaloosa County Court House on January 4, 1957, at which time [redacted] would address the CITIZENS COUNCIL.

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The Tuscaloosa News of February 3, 1957, printed an article which stated that LEONARD WILSON, Acting Chairman of the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST ALABAMA since its formation in February, 1956, "just after the Autherine Lucy incident", was chosen on February 2, 1957, as permanent leader in a new slate of officers and six new directors. The following individuals were named: JAMES W. ANDERS, Vice Chairman; Mrs. E. L. BOLTON, Secretary, and LELAND BROWN, Treasurer. New Directors are M. B. MARSHBURN, H. H. PALMER, W. H. BULLARD, I. L. SMITH, JR., and RALPH COOPER. Remaining members of the 12-man board selected are as follows: C. C. COUGHLIN, FRANK L. STULL, W. W. TOWNSEND, FRED ROBERTSON, BRUCE WEST and GENE J. WALLACE.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 3, 1957, that the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF TARRANT CITY is going to change its name to some Christian-type organization because the members feel they would get better publicity and the organization would be more effective.

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

Informant said he had attended meetings of the TARRANT CITIZENS COUNCIL and while he did not know all of members' names, he observed that approximately 75% had been seen by him at Klan meetings in Tarrant City. Informant T-2 said in his opinion, if all of the Klansmen were taken out of the TARRANT CITIZENS COUNCIL, the Council would have no members left.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine his reliability, but who holds a responsible position at Calera, Alabama, advised on January 14, 1957, that ASA EARL CARTER, Citizens Council leader, and also leader of the KU KLUX KLAN OF THE CONFEDERACY in Birmingham, met with [redacted] the first Friday in January, 1957, in an effort to organize the above mentioned Klan organization in Calera. T-3 said in his opinion CARTER and the above mentioned men are trying to get members from the CALERA CITIZENS COUNCIL to join the Klan. T-3 said he has heard some of the members of the CALERA CITIZENS COUNCIL talk about buying ammunition. T-3 said to the best of his recollection, the individuals he heard talking about buying ammunition are [redacted] not further identified.

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The Birmingham News, a daily newspaper, for February 5, 1957, printed an article which stated that Mrs. MARY D. CAIN, publisher of the Summit Sun of Summit, Mississippi, and CURT COPELAND, newspaperman of Hot Springs, Arkansas, would speak at the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ENSLEY meeting on February 8, 1957, at 8:00 p.m. This article stated that Mrs. CAIN is an outspoken advocate of continued segregation and has discussed the issue over the nation; that COPELAND would lecture on "Amendment to the U. S. Constitution." According to this article, the meeting was announced by JOE BRACKNELL, Chairman of the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ENSLEY.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 8, 1957, that he has received a mimeographed

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

leaflet apparently published by the ALABAMA WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS, 2205 Bessemer Road, Birmingham, ACE CARTER, Executive Secretary. At the bottom of this leaflet is a notation, "ALABAMA WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS; Telephone 56-4327." Informant T-4 made this leaflet available and it is being set out verbatim to show the type of literature being disseminated by the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL under leadership of ASA EARL (ACE) CARTER, Executive Secretary:

"We should surely realize by now, at this late hour, that there is only one alternative to integrating with the negro. That alternative is to draw the line and fight! The political leadership that has preached circumvention, dodge and run, parry and retreat and surrender by degrees, has led the people of Montgomery into integrated transportation; next comes schools and parks, as announced by the Montgomery negroes.

"You cannot satisfy the negroes and their communist pushers by running, or dodging. We state now, as we stated a year ago; we must draw the line and not retreat, not dodge, not run, not let cowardly politicians lead us down that fatal path. How to do it?

"The city commission race is May 1st of this year. Since ENFORCEMENT of segregation is the key to our salvation. Let us draw this platform that a candidate for police Commissioner must adhere to, BEFORE he gets our vote:

"1. ENFORCE SEGREGATION IN TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOLS, RECREATION, PUBLIC FACILITIES, SPORTS AND ALL AREAS OF LIFE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS, OR WHAT ACTION IT TAKES, INJUNCTION OR OTHERWISE.

"2. COMMISSION, IF NECESSARY, 5,000 WHITE MEN AS AUXILIARY POLICEMEN TO SEE THAT SEGREGATION IS ENFORCED.

"3. JAIL THE AGITATORS AND CONSPIRATORS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO RUIN AND DESTROY OUR CHILDREN. CONFISCATE THE FILES AND PROSECUTE THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE WORKING SUBVERSIVELY TO DESTROY OUR RACE.

"4. SAY TO THE COMMUNISTS WHO ARE CONTROLLING OUR FEDERAL GOV., 'GET BACK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE U. S. CONSTITUTION; BIRMINGHAM RUNS BIRMINGHAM; YOU, FROM WASHINGTON, DO NOT. YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS DICTATING OUR LIVES, AND WE WILL PROSECUTE YOUR AGENTS IF YOU CONTINUE, WITHIN THESE CITY LIMITS.'

"Such a stand would set the example for the South, for the rest of the Nation, and a great reassertion of local rights will take place; the beginning of a movement to restore Americanism to America. What can you do? On another sheet are the names and phone numbers of the Council officers in this city; call them, agree to cover your block with this sheet, and ask white people to register, to agree to support this platform in a BLOCK VOTE, and if no candidate will agree to it, WE SHALL PRODUCE OUR OWN. WE MUST...OR INTEGRATE WITH THE NEGRO."

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237, Sub 4) DATE: 3-14-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Remylet February 12, 1957, in captioned matter, and Bulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956, captioned "Citizens Councils, Internal Security - X."

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a blank memorandum in captioned matter dated March 14, 1957.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 in the attached memorandum is [redacted] Alabama, and Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted] a subsidiary group connected with the Southern Regional Council. T-3 is [redacted] CS, Birmingham Office.

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Bufile 105-45430

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF VINCENT
Bufile 105-46429

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO INDEPENDENT
CITIZENS COUNCIL OF BIRMINGHAM
Bufile 105-48822

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
Bufile 105-33955

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Birmingham 3, Alabama

March 14, 1957

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 4, 1957, that the Vincent, Alabama Citizens Council met at the Vincent School on [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Informant T-1 said that the [redacted] of the Vincent Council was held at the [redacted] on approximately [redacted] and that there were [redacted] people present after mailing out 300 letters and posting about 1,000 circulars. T-1 said that the guest speaker [redacted] as scheduled inasmuch as [redacted] the Citizens Council of Alabama, got the dates of the meeting confused. b6 b7C b7D

The Shelby County Times-Herald published at Montevallo, Alabama, carried an article on February 28, 1957, which stated that the Calera, Alabama Citizens Council would meet on the night of April 1, 1957, at the City Hall in Calera. The article stated that a speaker from Birmingham, Alabama, would be present and that everybody "is urged to attend."

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 1, 1957, that [redacted] meeting of the Shades b7D

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Valley Citizens Council in Homewood, Alabama, on [redacted] He said that [redacted] of Tarrant, Alabama, and [redacted] the Citizens Council of Alabama, made the principal address. T-2 said that [redacted] stated he had been working with Alabama State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT concerning preservation of segregation in Alabama. T-2 said that [redacted] made a statement somewhat as follows to the best of his recollection: "We don't talk about it much, but we are getting ready to purge the voting lists of 'niggers'. We figure we can get about 85% of them off the rolls in time." b6 b7C b7D

T-2 said that [redacted] did not elaborate on this statement as to when the alleged purge would start or who "we" meant. T-2 said that [redacted] mentioned that plans were being made to attempt to strike a name from a voting list if the person has ever committed a felony, has venereal disease, or is illegitimate. T-2 said [redacted] indicated that consideration was being given to these three exclusion tactics and he gathered from [redacted] remarks that they had not actually been used up to the present time. b6 b7C

T-2, above mentioned, advised on March 6, 1957, that he was present at the Birmingham Terminal Station on that date when Reverend F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH and his wife entered the white waiting room of the Birmingham station. T-2 said he had heard that Reverend SHUTTLESWORTH intended to make a test case of the segregation situation at the railroad station. T-2 said he saw a white man, [redacted] go into the station and shake hands with SHUTTLESWORTH and his wife. T-2 said that some officer of the Birmingham Police Department ordered [redacted] to leave the station inasmuch as he, [redacted] did not have a railroad ticket and apparently did not intend to travel anywhere by train. b6 b7C

T-2 said a large crowd followed [redacted] from the station and threw rocks at [redacted] and [redacted] automobile. T-2 said he heard an individual make a b6 b7C

complaint to some police officer that [redacted] above mentioned, attempted to run over him with his Cadillac automobile. T-2 said he heard this man state that his name was [redacted] It is noted that [redacted] is an officer in the Independent Citizens Council of Birmingham, located in the Eastern section of Birmingham. T-2 said he saw [redacted] pick up a rock and break out the rear glass of [redacted] Cadillac. b6 b7C

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 6, 1957, that he recognized several prominent members of various Citizens Councils in the crowd around [redacted] on the above occasion. He said that many of these individuals had come to the station carrying suitcases--in his opinion, so they would appear to be travellers. T-3 said he saw an individual, whose name he does not know, but who is a member of the Eastern Section Citizens Council, Birmingham, take a suitcase which he was carrying and strike [redacted] over the head two or three times. b6 b7C

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 4-12-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Remylet 3-14-57 in captioned matter and Bulet to Atlanta dated 12-13-56, captioned "CITIZENS COUNCIL INTERNAL SECURITY - X."

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a blank memorandum in captioned matter dated 4-12-57.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 in the attached memorandum is [redacted] b7D

Three extra copies of the attached memorandum are being submitted for the following Bureau files:

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF GORDO
Bufile 105-46390

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST ALABAMA,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Bufile 105-46001

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF EAST BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham, Alabama
Bufile 105-44731

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300 American Life Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama
April 12, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

The Birmingham News, a daily newspaper, carried an article on March 20, 1957, which stated that ASA E. CARTER, President of ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, would be a guest speaker on March 21, 1957, at a meeting of the EASTERN SECTION CITIZENS COUNCIL. This article stated the meeting would be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Cascade Plunge in East Birmingham.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 21, 1957, that members of the Tuscaloosa Klavern of the U. S. KLANS OF ALABAMA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, held a meeting at 109 Bridge Avenue, Northport, Alabama, on March 14, 1957. Informant T-1 said acting upon orders issued by [redacted] of the Tuscaloosa Klavern, all the Klansmen at this meeting proceeded to Queen City Park, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where they put on their robes and proceeded in their cars to the Wesley Foundation, an organization affiliated with the Methodist Church, on University Avenue in Tuscaloosa. T-1 said [redacted] an official of the Tuscaloosa Klavern made a speech which had been written for him by [redacted] the WEST ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL of Tuscaloosa. T-1 said the speech delivered by [redacted] was a protest against the Forum on Human Relations, a pro-integration group meeting in the Wesley Foundation building. T-1 said W. C. TOMPKINS JR., Chief of Police, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, stood nearby as SHELTON delivered his speech, but took no action to break up this Klan gathering. b6 b7C

Birmingham Informant T-1 furnished a circular which he stated [redacted] officer of the WEST ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL. It is noted that this circular is apparently a [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

It is noted that the AMERICAN STATES' RIGHTS ASSOCIATION is now practically inactive, but was organized in ~~about~~ 1954; by [redacted], as a pro-segregation group. This report included such items as "Final Report on Prison Population in 32 States and the District of Columbia"; "Venereal Disease Infection by State and Race", and "Illegitimate Birth by State and Race." According to T-1, the circular urges "Join the West Alabama Citizens Council Today" and indicates that the address of this organization is 205 Masonic Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. b6 b7C

The Pickens County Herald and West Alabamian, a newspaper published at Carrollton, Alabama, carried an article on March 28, 1957, entitled, "Must Sacrifice if Keep Rights; Gordo White Citizens Council Told." This article stated that JAMES SIMPSON, a former member of the Alabama State Legislature in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and an unsuccessful candidate for the United States Senate in 1944, spoke to the GORDO CITIZENS COUNCIL on March 23, 1957.

This article quoted SIMPSON as stating that the present civil rights bill submitted to the U. S. Congress would nail down integration and give the Federal Government control of elections, school and local governments. SIMPSON said that if this bill should pass and be signed into law, Reconstruction day would return to the South. SIMPSON, according to this article, said that the only alternative left to Southern people is to vote and elect officials who believe in and are willing to protect the rights and ways of life of the South and be willing to stand up and fight for Southern rights and the Southern way of life.

According to the above article, Mr. SIMPSON said people of the United States previously felt that their City, County and State Governments stood between them and the Federal Government, but that if the above mentioned civil rights legislation passed, then the Federal Government will be "closer than your City police, your City Government and your own Circuit Courts. It will, in fact, be a regulatory

power to which we all must conform." Mr. SIMPSON reviewed the history of Civil Rights legislation, stating that the United States Supreme Court has ruled on 14 different cases that "separate, but equal, facilities for the white and colored races was the 'law of the land'" and then in 1954, the Supreme Court reversed itself on all these prior decisions and repudiated what had been considered law for the past 70 years, according to SIMPSON. Mr. SIMPSON reviewed the War Between the States and Reconstruction days in the South. SIMPSON asked his hearers, according to this article, to stand firm today and have the same courage and devotion to "your cause and your rights that your fathers and grandfathers did"; that if the Southern people are willing to make these sacrifices, then the "threat of racial integration can be turned back, if the people will stand up and fight for these rights and customs. Races must be kept separate, then each can rise as high as individual members' ability permits."

Mr. SIMPSON said that the Republican Party is less "aggressive and less determined to force civil rights legislation upon the South than is the Democratic Party, traditional party of this section."

Mr. SIMPSON was introduced by V. W. ELMORE, Chairman of the GORDO CITIZENS COUNCIL who was high in his praise of the Birmingham attorney.

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WHAT'S IN A WORD? Everything, sometimes.

Editor W. J. Simmons, of the official organ of the Citizens Councils of America, complains of enemies who insist on calling the organizations "White."

He well says that the word tends to make the councils "appear as groups of wild-eyed racists and fanatical extremists."

His point is for both members and enemies I think. Some Citizens Councils deserve to be called "White" in this hateful sense, but none over which men like Mr. Simmons preside.

The South's resistance involves so many people and such justifiable passion that holding it to the sane and orderly course which alone can win needs eternal vigilance.

Take it officially from the Citizens Councils of America, at any rate, that there is no "White" in the name.

"UNCLE TOM'S Cadillac" is the arresting title of a little book by Bert C. Newton, of Jacksonville, Fla., obtainable from him at P.O. Box 1916, there for $1. Readably he proposes a "resettlement" organization to distribute Negro population more evenly over the nation and a "national society of colored people" to advance the Negro as a Negro, socially, economically, culturally and self-consciously.

Mr. Newton writes in the romping, light-stepping style of W. E. Debnam's "Weep No More, My Lady."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 5-15-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Remylet April 12, 1957, in captioned matter and Bulet to Atlanta, December 13, 1956, captioned "Citizens Council; Internal Security - X."

No pertinent information has been received concerning Citizens Councils activities in the Birmingham area since submission of referenced Birmingham letter. This matter will be followed in the Birmingham Office in accordance with instructions in Bulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956.

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cc Liaison Section
cc Mr. Williams

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Date: June 21, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated June 14, 1957, prepared by the Birmingham Office of this Bureau concerning citizens councils.

Enclosure

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations BY COURIER SERVICE
Air Force (Enclosure)

cc Assistant Attorney General (W/Enclosure)
William F. Tompkins (By Form 0-6, same date)

cc Assistant Attorney General (W/Enclosure)
Warren Olney III (By Form 0-6, same date)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237, sub 4) DATE: June 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (150-364)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Remylet May 15, 1957, in captioned matter and Bulet to Atlanta dated December 13, 1956, captioned "Citizens Councils; IS - X."

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a blank memorandum in captioned matter dated June 14, 1957. One extra copy of the attached memorandum is being submitted for Bureau file 105-45102, regarding the Bessemer, Alabama Citizens Council.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Birmingham 3, Alabama
June 14, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

On May 17, 1957, [redacted] Agent of the 111th CIC Detachment, United States Army, furnished some information obtained from Captain [redacted], S-2, United States Army Military District, Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, to the effect that a complaint had been received concerning Negroes participating in the Army Reserve Program in Bessemer, Alabama. b6 b7C

According to this information, on May 14, 1957, [redacted] Alabama, [redacted] of a garden club, telephoned [redacted] Birmingham Sub-District, to register a complaint regarding the "Negro Training Center" (presumably referring to the Alabama Metal Products Building where the Army Reserve has been meeting.) It is noted that the Alabama Metal Products Building is in a white area in Bessemer and the Reserve troops train there, including several Negroes. [redacted] reported that this topic, concerning the training center mentioned above, was discussed at a Garden Club meeting in Bessemer on May 14 or 15, 1957. b6 b7C

On May 17, 1957, [redacted] U. S. Army Reserve Command, Headquarters Third Army, advised that the Government was terminating its lease of the Alabama Metal Products Building in Bessemer. On May 17, 1957, also, JESS LANIER, Mayor of Bessemer, discussed this matter with an official of the Army and during the discussion, Mr. LANIER said he has had 12 or 15 complaints opposing the proposed location of a Reserve Training Center in the Broadmoor area, a separate and distinct area from the location of the Alabama Metal Products Building. Mr. LANIER said some of the complaints regarding the Broadmoor site had come from White Citizens Council members and he felt there was some connection between these new complaints and the Broadmoor complaints. Mayor LANIER did not identify any of the complainants. He

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emphasized his fear of racial disturbance and said he believes all action concerning the proposed Broadmoor Reserve Training Center be held in abeyance until he has a chance to obtain a more realistic poll of opinions among residents of the Broadmoor area.

On May 29, 1957, [redacted] who made alterations for the Government in the amount of approximately $10,000.00 on the Alabama Metal Products Building, offered some suggestions as to why opposition has developed in Bessemer regarding government occupancy of this building.

Several years ago, according to [redacted] an attempt was made to unionize Alabama Metal Products Company. There was considerable trouble at the plant, picketing, threats, etc. The owner closed the plant and moved it to Rosedale, Mississippi. The citizens who lived near the plant objected to this because they made a livelihood working at the plant. [redacted] said that the union and former plant employees intend to keep the factory building unoccupied since occupancy by the government would eliminate or minimize the possibility of the building being used again as a factory. [redacted] said he believes the above developments are what actually precipitated the objection to government occupancy of the Alabama Metal Products Building, rather than any issue concerning Negro Reservists using the building. [redacted] feels that an effort was made by local unions to blame racial problems with the situation, rather than reveal the real reason behind the opposition.

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Date: August 27, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated August 17, 1957, captioned "Citizens Councils, Birmingham Field Division" prepared by the Birmingham Office of this Bureau.

Enclosure

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237, sub 4) DATE: 8/17/57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Attached hereto are eight copies of a blank memorandum dated 8/17/57, captioned as above, reflecting information contained in Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, Ala., newspapers relating to meetings of Citizens Councils.

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Birmingham 3, Alabama

August 17, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

"The Tuscaloosa News," Tuscaloosa, Alabama newspaper, carried an article August 3, 1957, entitled, "South Can Keep Segregation - For A Price, Says Davis." This article referred to a speech by State Senator ALBERT DAVIS of Pickens County, Alabama, at an open-air rally of the West Alabama Citizens Council, August 2, 1957, in the Alberta City Park, a suburb of Tuscaloosa. LEONARD WILSON, Citizens Council Chairman, presided. Among the remarks made by DAVIS, "The Tuscaloosa News" quoted the following:

> "We must drag out the beasts and expose them for what they are. It's a fight that demands courage and not for weaklings. We are looking for strong men and women, the kind that'll lay down their lives if need be to support a cause they love."
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> "Preservation of our way of life in the South can be had, but it'll require eternal vigilance, courage and not weakness."
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> "It'll take the character that folks showed in the 60's, men like those who staggered back home in defeat, men of the Confederate Army who loved the heritage that was theirs. They found big-footed niggers in key places who had armed soldiers to carry out their orders. But our men had the manhood, the stuff that it took to save our souls from the curse."
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"....You need not expect the big politicians to carry the flag in this fight. They're too scared..."

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"You must be willing to go into our colleges and say I wanta know something about the stuff you are cramming down the throats of our young people. Some of them are putting on cap and gown to pour out poison to the youth of America. Some are hiding behind the Cross of Calvary to do their dirty work. You must be willing to go into the pulpits of the land and question the preaching of a social doctrine. The folks who write religious literature are poisoning our youth."

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"As for the left-wing press, I say to hell with them. Too many are owned and controlled by Eastern capital. I'd just as soon they'd not be down here."

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"If we don't do something about this, your son or daughter will in time tell you that the stuff you talk about is poppycock and strong men will be heard to cry.

"It's certainly coming if you don't rise up and inquire into every nook and cranny about those who teach our young, those who make our laws here and in Washington. The victory is ours if we but pay the price.

"We have been federalized until the little farmers of America can no longer make a living on their farms. They must go to town and beg somebody for a job."

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

According to "The Tuscaloosa News", Senator DAVIS characterized the United States Supreme Court as "that bunch of nine old buzzards who sit up there on one roost and attempt to federalize all our schools in one stroke." The article further quoted Senator DAVIS as saying, "It's gonna take guts, sacrifice, toil and willingness to take abuse, but the price is the youth of this country and children of the next generation. By the help of God we'll win."

This article further reflected that Judge GEORGE WALLACE of Barbour County also spoke briefly on this program. He told about his experience in testifying in Washington against the proposed Civil Rights Bill and said we in the South must do three things: "We must never succumb to the idea that the mingling of the races is inevitable becaust it isn't. We must continue a fight within the law and we should tell the Negroes we are their best friends, which we are. Through it all we must try to maintain peace and tranquility among all people. Our system is not based on ill will but what we in our own hearts feel is best for both races."

"The Birmingham News" for August 8, 1957, carried an article concerning a meeting of the Bessemer Citizens Council on that date. This article said that GROVER S. McLEOD, Birmingham Attorney, and a defense lawyer at the recent Clinton, Tennessee, trial would address the meeting. The meeting was to have been held at the Bessemer Court House, beginning at 7:30 p.m. According to this article, Reverend J. J. BECK, Chairman of the Bessemer Citizens Council, announced that the meeting would be held.

The "Birmingham Post-Herald" for June 26, 1957, carried an article which said that Judge GEORGE C. WALLACE, Third Judicial Circuit of Alabama, would speak at a meeting of the Independent Bessemer Citizens Council, Friday night, June 28, 1957. The article stated that the public was invited to attend, according to Rev. J. J. BECK, Chairman of the Bessemer Citizens Council. The article stated that Judge WALLACE would be introduced by JOSEPH S. MEADE, Birmingham attorney. Rev. J. J. BECK was quoted as saying that Judge WALLACE was invited to speak because of his "wide knowledge of the problems now confronting this and other Southern communities."

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1 - Mr. Williams

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Date: September 11, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated September 3, 1957, prepared by the Birmingham Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosure

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
Air Force

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 sub 4) DATE: 9-3-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Attached hereto are eight copies of a blank memorandum dated September 3, 1957, concerning the above captioned matter.

Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] PSI of the Birmingham Office.

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Birmingham 3, Alabama
September 3, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

On August 30, 1957, Birmingham Confidential Informant T-1, who has provided reliable information in the past, furnished a circular letter made available to T-1 through [redacted] the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ENSLEY, Birmingham, Alabama. The letter contained the following information:

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"HELLO WHITE FOLKS:

"At Sen. Sam Englehardt's request there will be a meeting of the officers and members of the board of directors of the Citizens' Councils of Jefferson County that are affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama at the City Hall Court Room in Homewood, Ala., at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28th.

"This may well be the most important meeting you have ever attended, and your presence is urgently requested. This is a closed meeting and because you may not see an account of it in the daily papers do not let it slip your memory.

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"The speaker will be the Hon. Sam Englehardt and the main topics of his speech will be the following:

"No. 1 -- The Governor's Race. Facts on the past record of each leading candidate as it affects our cause.

"No. 2 -- 'Civil Rights' Legislative Report.

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"No. 3 -- Reorganization and rejuvenation of Citizens' Councils.

"No. 4 -- Report on Democratic Executive Committee members to be elected.

"If you are truly a segregationist and want to help in the fight to preserve States' Rights, individual freedom and to save your country, you will not miss this meeting.

[redacted] b6 b7C

The above is for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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1 - Mr. Williams

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Date: September 24, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum dated September 16, 1957, prepared by the Birmingham Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosure

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)
Air Force

1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-sub 4) DATE: 9/16/57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-364)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Attached hereto are eight copies of a blank memo, dated 9/16/57, concerning [redacted] Citizens Council member, Birmingham, Ala., and his visit to the Alabama Military District, advising he thinks using integrated troops in a parade on November 11th in Birmingham might lead to racial trouble.

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CITIZEN'S COUNCILS
BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION

On September 10, 1957, [redacted] made available the following information:

On September 9, 1957 [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, visited the Alabama Military District. He talked to [redacted] advised he is connected with an independent Citizen's Council in East Birmingham. He said that in his opinion it would be disastrous to use integrated troops in the annual Veteran's Day parade in Birmingham on November 11. He stated that his council does not believe in violence, but that Asa Carter and his Citizen's Council members might do something at the parade which would cause a race riot. [redacted] said he feels that the Army should send white troops to Birmingham or send none at all.

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It is noted that in the past Third Army Headquarters, Fort McPherson, Georgia, has provided troops for this parade.

The "Birmingham News" for March 17, 1956, carried an article which indicated that the formation of a new independent Citizen's Council in East Birmingham was being discussed after three officers of the Eastern Section Citizen's Council resigned. Chairman T. H. Hagan and two other officers stepped out as officers, but not as members--because of a disagreement with Asa E. Carter, Executive Secretary of the North Alabama Citizen's Council. According to the "News", the friction among members of the Eastern group arose over a "divinity of Jesus Christ" clause in the Constitution of the North Alabama Council. The clause bars from membership people who do not believe in the divinity of Christ, which includes Jews.

The "Birmingham Post Herald" for March 17, 1956, printed the following regarding the Council split:

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"T. H. Hagan, the resigned Chairman, who is a florist for Montgomery's Florist, Inc., said he had tried to conduct his office in a 'sober-minded, dispassionate and deliberate manner', but he said he could not see eye to eye with Carter. Carter said Hagan was justified in resigning since his Council repudiated him on everything he stood for. He added, "They voted down each measure he had advocated". Carter, who termed Hagan a New Jersey Yankee, said his position of status quo was not and is not 'our basic policy to turn this thing into an action movement instead of a reaction movement. He was voted down. Thereupon he resigned.'"

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 10-22-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957.

The Birmingham Office will attempt to utilize current Klan informants as informants in securing information regarding potential violence in Citizens Councils. If these are not adequate, there are several individuals who were furnishing some information regarding Citizens Councils who will be considered as potential informants and Bureau authority will be requested to contact them.

It is noted, for example, that [redacted] was [redacted] and may be willing to rejoin this group. [redacted] it should be noted, adjoins Birmingham, and for all actual purposes, is a geographical part of Birmingham. [redacted] who is in the process of being discontinued as a Klan informant, resides near Bessemer, Alabama, and may be willing to join the Bessemer Citizens Council. The wife of [redacted] is opposed to the Klan, but may not object to [redacted] joining a Citizens Council. [redacted] it is believed, can secure information from the West Alabama Citizens Council at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Informants have pointed out that many individuals belong to both the Klan and a Citizens Council in their area.

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The Birmingham Office will try to place an informant in the key Citizens Councils in the Birmingham area where the only integration trouble of any moment has occurred to date.

Per Bulet, a letter will be submitted every 30 days setting forth steps taken to insure success of this program. Bureau authority will be requested separately to contact each Klan informant or other individual in question as a potential informant in instant matter.

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The Attorney General

October 9, 1957

Director, FBI

INTEGRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
IN LITTLE ROCK
CIVIL RIGHTS; CONTEMPT OF COURT

I am enclosing a memorandum dated October 7, 1957, captioned, "Racial Conditions, Little Rock, Arkansas; Citizens Councils, Internal Security - X," for your information.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
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1 - Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-135-4) DATE: 10/7/57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (100-3080)

SUBJECT: RACIAL CONDITIONS
Little Rock, Arkansas
Citizens Councils
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a blank memorandum for the Bureau and one copy for the Little Rock Office.

T-1 is [redacted] who has provided reliable information in the past. b7D

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Birmingham 3, Alabama
October 7, 1957

RACIAL CONDITIONS
Little Rock, Arkansas
Citizens Councils
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 2, 1957, that the Citizens Councils of Alabama claim to have 37,000 names on a petition to be attached to a telegram to President DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER protesting the use of United States troops in Little Rock, Arkansas, in connection with school integration there. T-1 stated that the goal of the Citizens Councils is to have one million names on the petition before sending the telegram.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-135-4) DATE: 10/1/57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (100-3080)

SUBJECT: RACIAL CONDITIONS
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, and
CITIZENS COUNCILS.
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Attached hereto are eight copies of a blank memorandum setting forth information furnished by [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] U. S. Army, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 23, 1957.

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RE: RACIAL CONDITIONS,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, and
CITIZENS COUNCILS.

On September 23, 1957, [redacted] U. S. Army, furnished the following information which was obtained from [redacted] U. S. Army, Military District, Alabama, Calder Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. b6 b7C

On September 9, 1957, [redacted] requested that the Alabama Military District use its influence to prevent the participation of integrated regular Army units in the Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham, on November 11, 1957. It is noted that General [redacted] high ranking military official, is scheduled to speak in Birmingham at this event. [redacted] stated he was a member of the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL and was active in veterans activities, having been a member of the Rainbow Division during World War I. [redacted] said integrated units should not be permitted to parade; that all-white units should be requested, and if this was not possible, that no active military unit be used. He said he had no objection to all-Negro units participating. According to [redacted] he and other leaders in the CITIZENS COUNCIL and veterans organizations had discussed this matter with former Alabama Governor FRANK M. DIXON, a veteran of World War I, and Mr. DIXON and the other organizations agreed with him. [redacted] said he had discussed this matter with [redacted] but that [redacted] did not appreciate the possibility of trouble if integrated units were allowed to parade. b6 b7C

He also stated that last year he wrote a letter to Secretary of the Army WILBUR M. BRUCKER in regard to this matter and received a polite but non-committal letter.

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[redacted] talked with [redacted] about this matter subsequent to Mr. [redacted] visit. [redacted] said [redacted] had talked with them about this matter and promised not to contact any of the military concerning it. [redacted] said [redacted] had brought up this same matter to the Veterans Day Committee last year; that the committee was aware of the possibility of trouble and precaution was taken which prevented any untoward trouble and any group's using the parade as a vehicle of propaganda. [redacted] said he had discussed this potential problem of integrated units in the parade with local veterans organizations and prominent citizens and officials and the consensus of opinion is that even though feeling is higher now there is little more chance of trouble than last year. [redacted] said they were anxious to have the parade and were certainly planning to do everything possible to prevent any trouble, by stationing police along the parade route in a position to observe and, if needed, come to the aid of any Legionnaires or parade officials who would also be stationed along the parade route.

[redacted] said these measures were successfully employed during the parade last year.

In speaking of the CITIZENS COUNCIL, [redacted] stated he had worked with ASA CARTER until CARTER branched off to form his own WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL. [redacted] said CARTER's unsavory tactics became evident to members of the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL about two years ago. He said the NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, headed by CARTER, had the reputation of resorting to violence. [redacted] said CARTER injected his own publication, a booklet entitled "The Southerner" on people attending a meeting of the ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL in Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] said CARTER distributed this booklet and collected money from all who received it; that he collected about $700 or $800 and really did not have permission for this action. [redacted] denounced ASA CARTER and

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all whom CARTER led and influenced. He said CARTER appealed to and exploited the people of lesser mentality, people easily swayed and emotionally aroused to violence. [redacted] said [redacted] Birmingham, who was arrested as a suspect in connection with the sex mutilation of [redacted] a Negro, recently, is a [redacted] of CARTER. [redacted] said CARTER was pursuing his interest in segregation solely for money. [redacted] believed CARTER was being paid by the COMMUNISTS or some such organization to stir up trouble. [redacted] said he and his group had been trying to get something on CARTER in order to discredit him; that he, [redacted] had made numerous inquiries throughout the nation in an effort to dig into [redacted] background but without satisfactory results. [redacted] said, "Every attempt has led to a blank wall," stating that he could get nothing concerning CARTER's background beyond the last few years.

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[redacted] said he felt the FBI already had something on CARTER or was working on him and for this reason all sources or records that might have information on CARTER's background had been closed to outside inquiry.

[redacted] frequently stressed the power and influence of the CITIZENS COUNCILS, not only in Alabama, but throughout the nation. He said the ultimate result of this entire racial issue will be segregation in all parts of the United States.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 11-23-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Atlanta, October 9, 1957, and Birmingham letter to Bureau, October 22, 1957.

The program for development of coverage in Citizens Councils in those areas where trouble might arise, due to integration problems, is as follows:

The Birmingham Office has a closed [redacted] on [redacted] had furnished, prior to December 1956, some information concerning the NORTH BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS COUNCIL. The Bureau has been requested, in line with instructions set forth in Bulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, to utilize [redacted] in the current program.

[redacted] the ALABAMA [redacted] OFFICE in Calera, Alabama, has furnished some information concerning Citizens Council activity in Calera, Alabama, in the past. His file has been reopened and it is contemplated that Bureau authority will be requested to utilize services of [redacted] concerning the Calera-Shelby County, Alabama area.

[redacted] at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who was at one time a security informant in Klan matters in the Birmingham Office, is being considered in connection with the Citizens Council in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. His file has been reopened and it is contemplated the Bureau will be requested for authority to contact [redacted] in this regard.

[redacted] Bessemer, Alabama, [redacted] the BESSEMER CITIZENS COUNCIL, furnished substantial information to this office concerning the large BESSEMER CITIZENS COUNCIL prior to December, 1956. Her file has been reopened and the Bureau will be requested for authority to recontact her in this regard.

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No information has been received sinceinstitution of this program. The above possible informants will furnish information concerning the areas most likely to have integration trouble in the Birmingham area; however, this matter is being carefully followed and it is contemplated that other potential sources will be open for development, although Citizens Council activity has declined in the Birmingham area and in many councils, practically all of the council members belong to Klan-type organizations.

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1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Williams

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Date: December 26, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith for your information a memorandum dated December 16, 1957, prepared by the Birmingham Office of this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

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1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (Enclosure)

1 - Office of Special Investigations (Enclosure)

1 - AAG W. Wilson White (Enclosure) (By Form 0-6, same date)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 12-16-57

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Enclosed are eight copies of a blank memorandum reflecting information contained in an article captioned "Citizens Councils Plan Poll of Office-Seekers" which appeared in "The Birmingham News," a local daily newspaper, Birmingham, on December 8, 1957.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

300 American Life Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama
December 16, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS

"The Birmingham News," a local daily newspaper, Birmingham, Alabama, on December 8, 1957, printed an article by FRED TAYLOR, a Staff Writer, entitled "Citizens Councils Plan Poll of Office-Seekers." This article was datelined Montgomery, Alabama, and stated that the Citizens Councils of Alabama were getting ready to submit questionnaires to avowed and prospective candidates for Governor or other public and party office seekers in the May, 1958 Democratic primary election. State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR. of Macon County, Alabama, Executive Secretary of the Citizens Council of Alabama, indicated, according to this article, that the queries would be broader than the ones submitted to office seekers two years ago. The new questionnaires, according to this article, will deal mainly with maintaining segregation. Some of the questions asked in the last questionnaire were:

"Have you ever, or will you solicit the Negro vote?"

"Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?"

"Will you give your wholehearted support to the action already taken by the Legislature of Alabama toward maintaining segregation?"

"Has the NAACP or any other organization dedicated to the breakdown of Alabama policies on segregation, made any financial contribution directly or indirectly to your campaign?"

"Are you willing to submit to this office a notarized list of organizations contributing to your campaign?"

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This article stated that one of the candidates in Alabama during the last election who ignored the questionnaire was Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM, who was defeated for Democratic National Committeeman by Representative CHARLES W. McKAY, JR. of Talladega, Alabama. McKAY, who was head of the Citizens Council at Sylacauga, Alabama at that time, answered the questions, according to "The Birmingham News" article.

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Mr. Williams

SAC, Birmingham (105-241) January 3, 1958

Director, FBI (105-34237-4)

CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reurlet dated December 21, 1957.

Inasmuch as the Birmingham area appears to be a likely spot for integration trouble as pointed out in referenced letter you should promptly intensify efforts to obtain coverage in citizens councils in Birmingham and the immediate vicinity. Your coverage should be such that you can assure the Bureau that informants and sources are in a position to report in advance on any possible violence or violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction in which the citizens councils might engage. Until such assurance can be given your coverage is insufficient.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Birmingham advised Reverend F. L. Shuttlesworth, an integration leader, has filed suit in Federal Court in Birmingham to secure admittance of Negro children to the Birmingham schools and, therefore, Birmingham appears to be a likely spot for integration trouble. In December, 1956, Shuttlesworth's house was dynamited and in September, 1957, Shuttlesworth was beaten by white men when he attempted to take Negro children into a white school. In addition, information received at the Bureau over the past two or three years indicates people in the immediate vicinity of Birmingham have been more violent in opposing integration than in other areas. For these reasons Birmingham being issued above instructions.

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Alabama Press Conference—

Citizens Councils' chief to be quizzed on plans

Will Macon County, in Alabama's Black Belt, be carved up and reduced in size, or abolished altogether?

What kind of questions will the Citizens Councils of Alabama come up with this time to fire at candidates for public and party office?

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Will they be asked to "here and now deny the Negro vote," as they were in 1956?

Will they be asked to submit a list of financial contributors to their campaigns to the Citizens Councils?

Answers to these and dozen of other questions will be sought from State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr. of Macon, executive secretary of the Citizens Councils of Alabama, when he appears as special guest on "Alabama Press Conference" at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, over WABT (Channel 13).

These public information programs are sponsored by The Birmingham News and Stations WABT and WAPI.

Questioning Sen. Engelhardt will be Fred Taylor, Birmingham News political writer and reguar panelist, and Leroy Simms, chief Associated Press correspondent in Alabama. Charlie Davis, WABT-WAPI news editor, will be moderator.

This program will be rebroadcast at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, over WAPI.

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Citizen Council Says Bring On Inquiry

In referring to a front page story, "State Citizen Council Probe Urged by Union," of Tuesday, Dec. 11, we of the Hueytown Educational Citizens Council would like to have an opportunity to defend ourselves.

Members of our council (who are all good union people) have adopted a resolution welcoming an investigation of the Hueytown Educational Citizens Council by the AFL-CIO, President Eisenhower, Department of Justice, or anyone else who wishes to investigate us.

We are a group of white Southern people who believe in Christianity, our Constitution, our nation, states' rights, and segregation. We are seeking the true facts concerning our racial problems. We are not trying to hurt the Negroes as some would be led to believe. We feel we are doing much to help them by working to keep the races separated.

Again let me say, please come on with the investigation. We more than welcome it. We only wish they would come, then go back to tell the nation the truth as they find it. MRS. J. F. RUSSELL, Secretary, Hueytown Educational Citizens Council.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (~~105-46001~~) DATE: 1-21-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulets January 3, 1958, and January 13, 1958, captioned as above, instituting a program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils, and mylet December 21, 1957.

During the past 30 days Bureau authority has been requested to utilize [redacted] regarding the Citizens Council of West Alabama. Similar authority was requested on January 10, 1958, concerning [redacted] On December 26, 1957 Bureau authority was requested to utilize [redacted] in connection with Eastern Section Citizens Council. [redacted] has been approved in connection with the [redacted] Citizens Council.

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On November 16, 1957, Bureau authority was requested to utilize services of [redacted] in the Citizens Council of North Birmingham. On November 22, 1957, the Bureau instructed that more background be obtained. On December 9, 1957, Bureau was furnished with further information and St. Louis was requested to furnish his [redacted] record. The Birmingham Office is waiting on the [redacted] record before Bureau authority can again be requested to utilize this individual.

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[redacted] has attended [redacted] of the Citizens Council of East Birmingham since Bureau authority was given to utilize him. LAURIE BATTLE, candidate for Governor of Alabama, spoke to the group in the interest of his candidacy.

Rebulet January 3, 1958, points out that efforts should promptly be made in the Birmingham area to intensify coverage. This is to advise that the Birmingham Office feels that where integration efforts are being focused on a white school, trouble may well occur there. Our attempted

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placement of coverage will be with this principal thought in mind. The Phillips High School and Graymont Elementary School are the two schools in Birmingham which will be integrated if the Federal Court rules in favor of a petititon filed by Reverend F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH, an integration leader. In addition, efforts will be made to place informants in other potentially dangerous spots.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-4) DATE: 2-24-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulets January 3, 1958, and January 13, 1958, captioned as above, instituting a program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils, and mylet dated December 21, 1957.

On February 5, 1958, the Bureau authorized utilizing services of [redacted] in connection with the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM. Birmingham now has sources of information in CITIZENS COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA, BESSEMER CITIZENS COUNCIL, CITIZENS COUNCIL OF EAST BIRMINGHAM, and CITIZENS COUNCIL OF NORTH BIRMINGHAM. It is believed that these are strategic localities as far as integration is concerned. b6 b7C b7D

At the meeting of the NORTH BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS COUNCIL on February 12, 1958, [redacted] and [redacted] supervised the preparation of a large scroll containing the signatures of Alabamians favoring segregation and who are opposed to integration. This scroll is being put together with Scotch tape and contains the names of thousands of Alabama citizens and when completed, will be a rather large document. Upon its completion, the Council is considering asking Senator JOHN SPARKMAN of Alabama, or some other representative in the U. S. Congress to present this scroll to President EISENHOWER.

On January 13, 1958, [redacted] advised that the CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST ALABAMA has broken up, but [redacted] plans to reorganize it. [redacted] said that [redacted] of the WEST ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL is now in Texas and is trying to help direct activities of this council from Texas. [redacted] is opposed to this and stated that [redacted] could not operate a Tuscaloosa organization from Texas. [redacted] advised that according to [redacted] there is no WEST ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL in operation at this time. b6 b7C b7D

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The EAST BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS COUNCIL was to have met on February 21, 1958, at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel to listen to an address by Judge GEORGE WALLACE, candidate for Governor of Alabama in the May 1958 primaries. [redacted] has not yet reported on this meeting. b6 b7C

This matter is being given constant consideration in line with the Bureau's desires set forth in Bulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-4) DATE: 3-21-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulets January 3, 1958, and January 13, 1958, captioned as above, instituting a program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils, and mylet dated February 24, 1958.

There has been no change in the informant coverage in Citizens Councils since relet of February 24, 1958, was submitted.

There has been no significant activity in the various Citizens Councils in the past 30 days.

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According to [redacted] if the panel of Federal Judges renders a decision in favor of integration on April 3, 1958, in the Shuttlesworth Case, there will be increased activity in the Citizens Councils. Birmingham will follow this situation through informants and the Bureau will be advised.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-4) DATE: 4-23-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulets January 3, 1958; January 13, 1958, captioned as above, instituting a program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils, and mylet dated March 21, 1958.

There has been no change in the informant coverage in Citizens Councils since relet of March 21, 1958, was submitted. Nothing important has happened in the various Citizens Councils in the past 30 days.

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1 - Mr. Williams

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reurlet dated May 2, 1958, in which you set forth results of your determinations concerning having Klan informants and potential informants cover activities of citizens councils.

Bureau authority is granted to contact PSIs [redacted] and [redacted] concerning West Alabama Citizens Council and Citizens Council of Pickens County, respectively. During the contact with these PSIs it should be made clear to them that the Bureau is not interested in the legitimate activities of citizens councils but only in violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly civil rights violations, or information concerning possible acts of violence.

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Furnish Bureau promptly results of your contact with [redacted].

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

By let 4/15/58 appropriate offices were instructed to consider using Klan informants and potential informants in connection with coverage of citizens councils. Birmingham has recommended these two individuals be contacted for this purpose. Nothing derogatory located in Bufiles and no information set forth in relet to indicate contact inadvisable. [redacted], Tuscaloosa, Ala. Credit record satisfactory. No criminal reco[redacted] located. [redacted] described as of good reputation and charact[redacted] [redacted] Ala. No criminal record located. Described as stable, reputable and trustworthy. Nothing derogatory in Bufiles.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 5-2-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Atlanta, April 15, 1958.

The following information is being submitted concerning SI's and PSI's in Klan matters with reference to their possible use in furnishing information concerning Citizens Councils:

[redacted]

This informant has been cooperative in the past and has shown no signs of instability. It should be noted that the White Citizens Council at Gadsden, Alabama, according to available information, was disbanded approximately one year ago as a result of lack of interest on the part of its members, and has not been reorganized. During the period of its existence, it appeared to be composed of responsible members of the community who were in favor of supporting the maintenance of segregation through legal means. It is believed that [redacted] would be suitable for membership in the Citizens Council at Gadsden should it be reorganized. It is not believed that [redacted] should be utilized at this time in connection with Citizens Council. b7D

Sylacauga, Alabama

It is noted that the Citizens Council at Sylacauga is dormant, according to available information. It is not believed necessary to have an informant in the dormant council at Sylacauga.

[redacted]

This informant has been furnishing good information concerning Klan activities at Bessemer, Alabama. He has also been approached to join the Citizens Council b7D

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of Hueytown, where he resides; however, he states that the Council is not meeting regularly and that he has about all he can do to do his work and also cover the Bessemer Klan meetings. This informant would join the Hueytown Citizens Council and furnish reports concerning it; however, at the present time, it is not recommended that he be contacted relative to the Hueytown Citizens Council.

[redacted]

This informant is being utilized at present concerning the East Birmingham Citizens Council.

[redacted]

This informant is presently being utilized concerning the North Birmingham Citizens Council. b7D

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This informant is being utilized concerning the Ensley Citizens Council.

[redacted]

This informant has been inactive in reporting Klan matters in the past two or three months. He has been trying to get out of the Klan and discontinue his relationship with this Bureau. Efforts are being made to reactivate him in the Tarrant City Klavern, and while it is believed he could join the Tarrant City Citizens Council it is not recommended at this time that he be approached in this regard.

[redacted] PSI

[redacted] advised on the initial interview that he was [redacted] b6 b7C b7D He would be able to furnish information on the council as a [redacted] He was [redacted] of the Council and was not very active at the time the Council was an active group. Inasmuch as [redacted] is

already approved to furnish information concerning the Citizens Council of Tuscaloosa, it is not believed necessary to contact [redacted] in this regard.

[redacted] PSI

This individual is not a [redacted] at Tuscaloosa, but would be able to furnish information regarding this organization merely by joining it. [redacted] is extremely cooperative and making every effort to align himself with the Tuscaloosa Klavern of the Klan. It is believed that his interest in becoming a member of the Klan might be increased by joining the West Alabama Citizens Council and receiving some remuneration for his efforts in this regard. Therefore, it is recommended that [redacted] be contacted to ascertain whether or not he would affiliate himself with the West Alabama Citizens Council. b6 b7C b7D

Approved as PSI 2/3/58 Birmingham Note file

[redacted] PSI

This individual is making every effort to procure membership in the Reform Klavern of the Klan. He is an [redacted] He is acquainted with most of the businessmen in the area and it is felt he would be in a position to furnish information concerning proposed activity of the Citizens Council of Pickens County [redacted] the leaders in this organization. [redacted] has been extremely cooperative and sincere in his desire to assist this office and it is believed he could be utilized in Citizens Council matters. Bureau authority, therefore, is requested to contac[redacted] in regard to the Citizens Council of Pickens County. b6 b7C b7D

Approved as PSI 11/19/57 Birmingham Note file

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This informant [redacted] He is presently in the process of trying to join the Helena, Alabama Klavern of the Klan. He lives in East Birmingham and it is noted [redacted] is already reporting on the East Birmingham Citizens Council. For the above reasons, it is not recommended tha[redacted] be contacted in regard to Citizens Councils at this time. b6 b7C b7D

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-4) DATE: 5-23-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Rebulets January 3, 1958; January 13, 1958, captioned as above, instituting a program for the development of ooverage in Citizens Councils; mylet dated April 23, 1958, and mylet to Bureau, May 2, 1958.

There has been no change in the informant coverage in Citizens Councils since relet of April 23, 1958, however referenced letter of May 2, 1958, set forth tabulation of Klan informants being used in Citizens Councils and also the possibility of using two other individuals in this connection. The Bureau gave permission to contact PSI's [redacted] concerning the West Alabama Citizens Council and Citizens Council of Pickens County, respectively. This matter is being handled by the Birmingham Office and results will be submitted to the Bureau in the near future.

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SAC, Birmingham (105-241) June 18, 1958

Director, FBI (105-34237-4)

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet May 14, 1958, in which authority was granted for your office to contact PSIs [redacted]

Reference is also made to Bulet to Atlanta dated June 13, 1958, captioned as above, copies to your office, discontinuing the program for developing sources in citizens councils. b6 b7C b7D

In the event [redacted] have not already been contacted no contact should be made in line with instructions set forth in reBulet June 13, 1958. In the event they have already been contacted sulet results immediately.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 6-25-58

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-241)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet to Atlanta, June 13, 1958, and Bulets to Birmingham May 14, 1958 and June 8, 1958, and Birmingham letter to Bureau June 18, 1958 in the case entitled [redacted] was contacted on May 27, 1958, at which time the matter of Citizens Councils was discussed with him. [redacted] said he is not a member of the West Alabama Citizens Council, nor has he ever been a member of this council. He was advised that the Bureau is not interested in the legitimate activities of Citizens Councils, only in violations of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, and, in particular, civil rights violations concerning possible acts of violence. [redacted] said he must first join the Klan, in his opinion, and then he would join the Citizens Council in order to furnish information as to any possible acts of violence by this group. [redacted] said he plans to be initiated into the Klan sometime in [redacted]

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The Bureau's attention is invited to the above mentioned letter in the [redacted] case. On June 3, 1958, [redacted] was contacted concerning the Citizens Council of Pickens County, at which time he advised he had never been a member of that group; however, he is acquainted with [redacted] of Carrollton, Alabama, who [redacted] of this Council. He said [redacted] invited him to join and gave him a membership application card, but that he has never filled out the card, nor joined the council. He said he does not believe [redacted] is active in the council, nor does he believe the Citizens Council is active in Pickens County at this time. [redacted] said he would furnish information concerning any illegal activities of the Citizens Council of Pickens County if this council should ever become active in the near future.

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Due to the information set forth in Bulet to Atlanta dated June 13, 1958, discontinuing the program for the development of coverage in Citizens Councils, the Birmingham Office will, of course, discontinue its monthly letter in this regard.

[redacted] will continue to be utilized, if necessary, as sources in the Citizens Councils. b6 b7C b7D

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 12/13/62

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-364) (P)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta and other offices dated 11/20/62.

The following is the information the Bureau requested set forth under appropriate captions:

1. COUNCILS

Jefferson County Citizens Council, Birmingham, Alabama, from 12 to 30 persons attend monthly meetings. Birmingham File No. 105-581. No Bureau file number.

West Alabama Citizens Council, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Estimated membership 65. Tuscaloosa Resident Agency. Birmingham File No. 105-299. Bureau file No. 105-46001.

Citizens Council of Holt, Alabama. Estimated membership 25. Tuscaloosa Resident Agency. Birmingham File No. 105-320. Bureau file No. 105-48228.

Bibb County Citizens Council, Centreville, Alabama, Estimated membership not known at this time. Efforts will be made through established sources to ascertain the present status of the Bibb County Citizens Council. Tuscaloosa Resident Agency. Birmingham File 105-318. Bureau File No. 105-45547.

2. LEADERS

Jefferson County Citizens Council

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According to [redacted] (RAC) the following named individuals are leaders of this group.

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BH 105-364 JEFFERSON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

[redacted] Clerk Southern Railway, Birmingham, Alabama, residence [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama. b6 b7C

[redacted] (RAC) advised that [redacted] has been a Klansman in the past, having been a member of the U. S. KLANS OF ALABAMA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN about 1956. This informant advised that [redacted] was subsequently banished from this organization because he disagreed with high-level policy of the amount of Klan dues and how much should be retained by the local Klavern and how much should be sent to headquarte[redacted] Wife, [redacted] is employed by [redacted] Company, [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, and resides at [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama. b6 b7C

West Alabama Citizens Council

[redacted] resides at [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

He is employed as a [redacted] and was a [redacted] at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. His office is located at [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Other officers in this council are as follows:

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[redacted] residence [redacted] Northport, Alabama, employed [redacted] Northport, Alabama.

[redacted] Barber, City Barber Shop, residence [redacted] Northport, Alabama, business address [redacted] Northport, Alabama.

[redacted] Northport, Alabama, business address [redacted] Northport, Alabama.

Citizens Council of Holt, Alabama

[redacted] of the Board, HOLT CITIZENS COUNCIL, residence, [redacted] Holt, Alabama, employee of the [redacted] Holt, Alabama. b6 b7C

[redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama, [redacted] and last reported employed by the [redacted] Holt, Alabama.

[redacted] Holt, Alabama, [redacted] HOLT CITIZENS COUNCIL, residence [redacted] Holt, Alabama, employed by [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama. b6 b7C

[redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama, [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

[redacted], residence, [redacted] Holt, Alabama.

Bibb County Citizens Council

Leaders in this organization are not known at this time but will be obtained.

3. COVERAGE OF COUNCILS

Jefferson County Citizens Council, Birmingham, Alabama

[redacted] (RAC)

[redacted] PCI (RAC)

[redacted] confidential source

[redacted] established source

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On December 7, 1962, [redacted] (RAC) advised all the local Citizens Councils in Jefferson County have consolidated with the Jefferson County Citizens Council.

On December 11, 1962, [redacted] advised that the only council he knows to be in existence in Jefferson County at the present time is the Jefferson County Citizens Council. However, both of these individuals pointed out that they feel that in the event of trouble of integrating some public school facility, some former members of the Citizens Councils might participate in some acts to prevent the integration of these public schools or other facilities. These established sources further pointed out that in their opinion a Citizens Council could be dormant today and in the event of an emergency, might rapidly reorganize.

West Alabama Citizens Council

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Citizens Council of Holt, Alabama

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[redacted] (PCI) (RAC)

Bibb County Citizens Council

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Centreville, Alabama

4. POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE

Jefferson County Citizens Council

[redacted] (RAC) advised on December 7, 1962, that [redacted] States Rights Party is a member of the Jefferson County Citizens Council.

On February 22, 1961, [redacted] (RAC) advised he attended the meeting of Jefferson County Citizens Council on the night of [redacted] Informant stated that [redacted] was present and armed. Informant said he saw the outline of a gun under [redacted] coat and that when [redacted] arose to leave, he heard the gun hit against the chair in which he had been sitting. It is noted [redacted] has stated that he would shoot any FBI Agent surveilling him. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] (RAC) has formerly advised that some members of the UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. have been observed at the meetings of the Jefferson County Citizens Council, particularly [redacted]. This informant stated that [redacted] has a long record in the Klan Organization and he is a rabid hater of Negroes. It is noted that [redacted] a discontinued security informant of the Birmingham Office, advised that [redacted] was known as [redacted] while [redacted] was a member of the U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] said that it was widely believed in Klan circles that [redacted] was responsible for dynamiting Negro homes near Center Street back of Smithfield Village some ten years ago. b6 b7C b7D

West Alabama Citizens Council

Very little information has appeared in the public press concerning the West Alabama Citizens Council and infor-

mation received from available sources has indicated this council has been gradually dissolving.

Citizens Council of Holt, Alabama

It was learned that [redacted] a member of the Board of this council was one of the agitators on the campus of the University of Alabama during the [redacted] affair in 1956 when [redacted] attempted to enroll in the University of Alabama.

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County Citizens Council Formed

Fred Short Heads New Organization

BY IVAN SWIFT

Representatives from 11 Jefferson County citizens councils met at the Courthouse last night and organized the Jefferson County Citizens Council.

Fred Short, secretary of the Ensley Citizens Council, was elected chairman of the new council.

The new organization is a coordinating group, with representatives from all 11 of the organizing councils.

The councils that organized it still will meet separately, and retain individual officers and boards of directors. They formed the overall unit to coordinate activities and plan efforts.

Other officers elected last night were Howard C. Dickerson, Tarrant Educational Citizens Council, vice chairman; Mrs. H. C. Dickerson, secretary; Hubert L. Storey, Hueytown Citizens Council, treasurer.

The organizations are allied with the Citizens Councils of Alabama, and, through that group, Citizens Councils of America.

The councils meeting last night have no connection with the North Alabama Citizens Councils, headed by Asa Carter until he resigned to run for lieutenant governor.

Short said other meetings will be called soon to plan wider organization. Four more citizens councils in the county were represented at the meeting, and they will vote on joining the new organization.

Other councils over the state are forming the county-wide board of directorships, Short said.

The parent organization, Citizens Councils of Alabama, is headquartered in Selma. Sen. Walter Givhan of Dallas County is chairman.

Hugh A. Locke Sr. and his son, newly elected Rep. Hugh A. Locke Jr., were at the meeting last night. They spoke to the 50 to 60 representatives and aided in preliminary discussions of a proposed constitution.

Also at the meeting was Rep. Pat Tatum who is in the Tarrant Citizens Council.

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Citizens Council set up for county

The Jefferson County Citizens Council was organized last night by representatives of 11 Citizens Councils already in existence in the county.

It was set up as a coordinating agency for the individual councils which will continue to hold meetings and elect officers. Each of the councils will have a voice in the newly-organized group.

AT A MEETING in the Jefferson County Courthouse Fred Short, secretary of the Ensley Citizens Council, was elected chairman of the new organization.

Other officers are Howard C. Dickerson of the Tarrant Educational Citizens Council, vice chairman, and Mrs. Dickerson, secretary, and Robert L. Storey of the Hueytown Citizens Council, treasurer.

Four other Citizens Councils in the area sent a representative to the meeting and plan to vote on joining the new organization.

The organizations comprising the newly-formed council are allied with the Citizens Councils of Alabama and the Citizens Councils of Alabama. Speakers at last night's meeting were Hugh A. Locke Sr. and Hugh Locke Jr., recently elected to the State Legislature.

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Citizens Council Raps Private School Bill Veto

The Jefferson County Citizen's Council has expressed displeasure with Gov. Patterson's recent pocket veto of the Nettles Bill.

The Nettles Bill, had it been passed at the last legislative session, would have stimulated formation of private schools in addition to public schools.

The bill introduced by Rep. Sam Nettles, Wilcox County, asked for tuition grants for students who desire to attend private, non-denominational schools. The Citizen's Council has passed a resolution that the bill be reconsidered.

The resolution, presented by Morris Dixon, chairman of the Council, asks Patterson to, "take such steps as will lead to the reintroduction of the Nettles Bill," and "lend all the influence at his command to bring about passage of such bill."

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC TAMPA /157-312/

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /105-272/ 1P

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE TAMPA AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST.

SOURCES BIRMINGHAM OFFICE HAVE NO INFORMATION RE CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY SEVEN-FOURTEEN INSTANT OR OF REVEREND OREN FENTON POTITO BEING IN BIRMINGHAM.

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TO : [redacted]

DATE: 5/3/65

FROM : Mr. W. O. Cregar

SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL - BIRMINGHAM

On 5/3/65, [redacted], advised the Liaison Agent of the following:

[redacted] Northwest Huntsville, Alabama, telephone number [redacted], is a [redacted] the National Citizens Committee, [redacted] advised the CRS that the White Citizens Council held a meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, on 4/26/65, with selected members of the John Birch Society. [redacted] related that he was not aware of the source of [redacted] information nor did he have any further details concerning what occurred at the 4/26/65 meeting.

[redacted] stated that he felt sure [redacted] would have additional information on the meeting and advised that there would be no objection to the Bureau contacting [redacted] directly for additional facts.

ACTION:

The above should be directed to the Internal Security Section for their attention.

1 - Mr. Baumgardner (Attn. Mr. Gray)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 6/11/65

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-364)

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SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

For the information of the Bureau, a one-page leaflet has recently been distributed reflecting that the "Citizens' Councils of Alabama" would present Sheriff JIM CLARK, Sheriff of Dallas County, Alabama, at a "Mass Rally" to be held at the Cullman, Alabama, City Hall at 7:30 PM on June 10, 1965. This leaflet contained a statement, "Hear the Sheriff of Dallas County expose the Selma Demonstrations and tell how to Defend States Rights." The leaflet also indicated that anyone desiring to know more about the Citizens' Council could obtain the information by writing Post Office Box 941, Montgomery 4, Alabama.

On June 10, 1965, W. C. WALDROP, Sheriff of Cullman County, Alabama, advised that he had been in contact with a majority of the elected officials of Cullman, as well as a representative number of the businessmen of the city, concerning this meeting. He stated that Mayor BILL NeSMITH had refused use of the Cullman City Hall to this group and arrangements had been made for the use of the Alabama National Guard Armory in Cullman. According to WALDROP, these people with whom he had contact were opposed to such organizations developing in the Cullman area.

According to WALDROP, this meeting is being sponsored by [redacted] and [redacted]

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This mass meeting was called to order at about 8:00 PM at the Alabama National Guard Armory, Cullman, Alabama. [redacted] at the meeting which was attended by an estimated 250 persons consisting of men, women and children. No known Klan leaders were observed and most of the cars in attendance displayed Cullman County license plates. The persons in attendance were

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orderly; there were no incidents at the rally and most of the men, women and children appeared to be at least average or above and of a responsible nature, who appeared interested in the Selma situation and were in attendance at the meeting in order to seek knowledge of the racial situation confronting Alabama.

Sheriff JIM CLARK was introduced as the main speaker of the evening and he spoke for approximately 35 minutes. He stressed such topics as his having been blamed for the passage of the Voting Rights Bill of 1965 due to the action taken by him in Selma, Alabama, recently. He stated that he had been called a liar by the then Attorney General of the United States "BOBBY KENNEDY" when he had stated that he had seen MARTIN LUTHER KING in the U. S. Government rented automobile. He remarked that the Government had spent $1,000,000.00 on the Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, march during the first part of 1965 and that the U. S. Government is continuing to spend money for food and clothing provided to demonstrators in the Selma, Alabama, area.

CLARK also charged that a large percentage of the Negro children living in the Selma, Alabama, area were illegitimate. He stated that on numerous occasions he had questioned many Negro children in the Selma area as to the identity of their father and they had stated that they did not know his identity and in these cases the mother of these children was unwed.

CLARK further stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING and his group wanted everything given to them rather than the group working for and/or earning their rights and other benefits. He also discussed the fact that the Negroes at Selma had attempted to block all four entrances to the court house during their recent demonstrations during the first part of 1965.

Sheriff CLARK also remarked that the deceased Reverend JAMES REEB claimed he was a Unitarian preacher and that he (CLARK), in order to learn the nature of the Unitarian preacher and the Unitarian belief, looked it up and found that the Unitarian Church did not believe in God.

Sheriff CLARK discussed what he called KING's (MARTIN LUTHER KING) project for Alabama and stated that they had to steal this project in order to get it, but that this plan of KING's was for the entire State of Alabama and dealt with the various phases of their efforts to erase all racial barriers within the State of Alabama. Sheriff CLARK stated that the people of Alabama could not make any concessions to this group due to their demonstrations because KING would then state, "See what we got by demonstrating" and would then urge others to take part in additional demonstrations, because of what he claimed had been accomplished by the previous demonstrations.

Sheriff CLARK also spoke at length on what he described as "distorted newspaper articles" concerning him, his actions and the Selma situation. He had a small strip of film relating to MARTIN LUTHER KING and the Selma demonstrators and he showed this film. He made the statement that quite a number of the civil rights workers who participated in the Selma, Alabama, demonstrations were affiliated with sex perverts. He remarked that SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) was operating all over the State of Alabama and he remarked that the NAACP was also forming chapters all over the State of Alabama.

In closing Sheriff CLARK remarked that he could not say too much for the Citizens' Council, which he described as a fine organization which had rendered valuable assistance to him and other law enforcement agencies in the State of Alabama.

[redacted] then introduced a [redacted] whom he described as the [redacted] of the Citizens' Council. [redacted] urged all in attendance to join the Citizens' Council in order to protect themselves and preserve their way of life. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 PM.

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Birmingham indices reflect no identifiable references to [redacted] is subject of BH 157-834 in which he received a threat to bomb his residence on September 10, 1964.